THE PROOF OF HELL

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NOTE: This is a detailed study of the proof of hell. It is fairly lengthy. I would strongly encourage you to carefully and prayerfully read it all. It could be the most important words you've ever read.

The handiwork of an omnipotent God shines throughout our physical world. His design resonates within the complexity of the microscopic DNA code; to the vastness of the telescopic universe. King David writes in Psalms 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

Romans chapter 1 describes a generation that has completely destroyed any and all hope. Much as today, the judgement of a Holy God looms near. Romans 1 with their blatant sexual perversion, nature worship, abortion, evolution and vile wickedness bears the mark of this generation.

Romans 1:19-20 unfurls a warning thread weaving throughout Romans 1:

> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. **For the invisible things of him** from the creation of the world **are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; **so that they are without excuse:**
> Romans 1:19-20

The message of Romans 1:19-20 is plain and simple. Open your eyes and see. What you see will reveal *the visible* and *the invisible* hand of God. As someone once said, "There are none so blind as those **who will not see**." The prophet Jeremiah put it like this:

> Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; **which have eyes, and see not;** which have ears, and hear not:
> Jeremiah 5:21

Romans 1:20 ends with these somber words, ". . . **so that they are without excuse**. . ."

The Lord floods us with so much visible evidence of His handiwork, its vastness muffles our awareness. Our carnal nature blindly searches for some hint of God, all the while His work shines so bright, it nearly blinds us. The evidence of God appears so obvious, and so great, we tightly close our eyes to the truth, while we seek for some hidden nugget. The apostle Paul admonishes the skeptics at Mars Hill in Acts 17:27: "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, **though he be not far from every one of us:"** How true today! We spend billions and billions traveling into space or trying to decode the DNA looking for a hint of God. And all the while, ". . . he be not far from every one of us:"

When we encounter the supernatural revelation of the Word of God, we quickly scurry under the rock of science. In 1 Timothy 6:20, the Bible warns of the ". . . **oppositions of science** falsely so called." The definitian of "science" means "a branch of knowledge or study **dealing with a body of facts or truths**. . ." (www.infoplease.com "science"). True science testifies and verifies the truth — nothing but the truth. True science will always agree with the Word of God. John 17:17 says of the scriptures: ". . . **thy word is truth**."

Despite the "**oppositions** of science. . ." every verifiable truth discovered by science echoes the truth of God's Word.

And hell is no exception. . .

Let us never fear the Goliath of science in the battle for truth. The young man, David, armed with only a sling and "five smooth stones," boldly confronted the colossal giant of Goliath. The Bible says in 1 Samuel, 17: 48, "And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David **hasted, and ran toward** the army to meet the Philistine." David "ran toward" Goliath. He understood, the battle was the Lord's. 1 Samuel, 17: 45 says, "Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: **but I come to thee in the name of the LORD** of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, **whom thou hast defied**." It is ironic, that David used Goliath's own sword to cut his head off:

> 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; **but there was no sword in the hand of David**.
> 51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, **and took his sword**, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.
> 1 Samuel 17:50-51

As David used Goliath's own sword to behead him, in this article, we'll also use today's "sword" of the Goliath of science to view into the place of hell.

Bible Believing Christians should never fear the ". . . **oppositions of science falsely so called.**" Let us never cower from true science. And the truth is, *every* true study of science, geology, and geophysics verifies the place of hell. *If hell is true – science must confirm it – it has no choice.*

The scientific data confirming hell is so great, and so visible, it is hard to believe — ***but impossible to ignore***. **Hell is among the most *verifiable* proofs of the Word of God.** That statement may surprise some, and shock others. Many reading this will immediately discount it as blind religious dogma. Keep reading, and for the next few pages, divorce your skepticism and carefully examine the facts.

Romans 1:20 gives us the "key" to "see" the invisible things of God.

> **For the invisible things of him** from the creation of the world **are clearly seen**, being understood **by the things that are made**, even his eternal power and Godhead; **so that they are without excuse:**
> Romans 1:20

The Lord opens for us a clear window into the "invisible things of him" by simply observing the "things we can see." Our inherent obstacle is our carnal, logical, sensual nature. Although we can clearly see "the invisible things of him," our problem is believing. After doubting Thomas "saw" the risen Lord Jesus, the Lord told Thomas, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they **that have not seen, and yet have believed**." (John 20:29)

As we "clearly see" the *invisible* place of hell by *seeing* "the things that are made", may we not merely "see" the place of hell, but may we "see" and "believe."

A Window into Hell •

> **For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed. . .**
> Matthew 13:15

The Lord gave mankind an unmistakable window into the "heart of the earth." A window so powerful and so impressive, its presence is breathtaking. A window so thunderous and so terrifying, its hellish power is nature's deadliest force. . .

An erupting, fire-breathing volcano is earth's most fearsome sight. Many cities, countries, and people have been violently buried under the volcano's wrath.

Carsten Peter is among the world's most devoted volcano researchers. Peter has studied and photographed volcanoes for many years. Peter tells *National Geographic* magazine:

> **"The size and power of a volcano is like nothing else on earth."**
> ("Inside the Volcano", *National Geographic*, Nov. 2000, p. 55)

The book *Volcanoes and the Earth's Interior* by Scientific American has a section titled, "Volcanic Windows into the Earth's Interior." The section begins with these words:

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> Some geologists say, without envy, that we know less about the Earth's interior than we know about outer space. . . However, we have a great deal of **indirect** knowledge about the Earth's interior, **and volcanoes provide some of the best free samples**.
> (Decker, Robert and Barbara, *Volcanoes and the Earth's Interior*, Scientific American, Inc., W.H. Freeman and Company: San Francisco, 1982, p. 83)

Volcano scientists, Robert and Barbara Decker, describe volcanoes as ". . . **dark windows to the Earth's interior. . ."**

> **Volcanoes are dark windows to the Earth's interior**. Because their products **are the only direct samples of the composition of the Earth's deeper levels**, the aspect of volcanology that studies these materials has received considerable attention.
> (Decker, Robert and Barbara, *Volcanoes*, W.H. Freeman and Company: San Francisco, 1997, p. 128)

Before we proceed, let the reader understand one important fact: the vast majority (if not all) of the scientific material in this study comes from individuals *who do not believe the Bible.* At best, they consider the Bible nothing but superstitious fantasy or folk-lore. **Nonetheless, the evidence is so overwhelming, the obvious conclusion is humanly impossible to disregard.**

Let me also add, the scientific material for the next few pages may technically confound some readers, but please continue reading. You may not comprehend everything, but you should easily understand enough to grasp the truth.

The mammoth lake of fire exploding from the mouth of an erupting volcano unmistakably echoes the fires of hell. **The similarity is impossible to ignore.**

Robert Wenkam in *The Edge of Fire* acknowledges the Bible's depiction of hell and a "volcanic lake of fire below the earth" are one and the same.

> St. John the Divine wrote of these retributions in Chapter 20 of Revelations, where he warns of a "Fiery lake of burning brimstone" and how "the fire came down from heaven and consumed them, and the devil who led them astray was flung into the fiery, sulphurous lake, where the animal and the false prophet were, there to be tortured day and night forever and ever" **St. John could have only been thinking of a volcanic lake of fire below the earth**, . . ."
> (Wenkam, Robert. *The Edge of Fire*. Sierra Club Books, San Francisco. 1987. p. 132)

Mr. Wenkam's statement contains a glaring fallacy — John probably knew nothing of a volcano, much less ever seen one. Israel holds very little volcano activity. And John had no *National Geographic* magazines or *Discovery* channel to inform him of volcanoes.

Wenkam later ridicules the Lord Jesus' message of hell as "the most sadistic fantasy ever conceived," yet the fiery spectacle of an erupting volcano provokes from even the most atheistic scientist — the thought of hell. *They may rationally ridicule the place of hell, but their words "of hell" betray them.*

> "a new religion, Christianity was getting organized in Palestine with a Bible telling of an **underworld filled with molten lava, a lake of fire they called Hell**. . .
> **Hell is perhaps the most sadistic fantasy ever conceived**. It is described, painted, and contemplated with incredibly perverse relish as a perpetual lake of fire where inextinguishable flames burn forever. **To a Christian and a geologist, it is a reasonable description of the earth below, and it is understandable how. . . [volcanoes] has come to be associated with the ultimate punishment of sinners and unbelievers.**
> (Wenkam, Robert. *The Edge of Fire*. Sierra Club Books, San Francisco. 1987. p. 132)

> **The devil and sulfurous lakes of fire are like Hades and Hell**, Christian liturgical symbols that have become American folklore. . . **But even the most sophistic explorer will often describe awesome vistas in terms of the nether world,** as Jacques Cousteau did on his television

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segment describing the summit crater on Deception Island in Antarctica" **'It is satanic, like Hell frozen over'.**
(Wenkam, Robert. *The Edge of Fire*. Sierra Club Books, San Francisco. 1987. p. 133)

Deuteronomy 32:22, plainly states that the fire from the foundations of the mountains (a volcano) come from the lowest hell.

For a fire is kindled in mine anger, **and shall burn unto the lowest hell**, and shall consume the earth with her increase, **and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.**
Deuteronomy 32:22

VOLCANOES AND THE DEVIL •

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
Matthew 25:41

Throughout history, volcanoes possessed a bizarre attraction to the paranormal and cults. From the mythological Vulcan to the thousands of human sacrifices tossed in the mouth of the volcano to appease the "gods", a devilish enticement follows the fire-breathing volcano. The book, *The Edge of Fire* by Robert Wenkam devotes a complete chapter titled "Volcanoes and the Devil." The medium of the volcano inspire many new age and esoteric disciples. Popular New Age teacher and author Alice Bailey writes in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, ". . . **Earth is changed through the medium of volcanic action**. . ." Bailey claims a people called Agnichaitans live in volcanoes and ". . . they are the alchemists of the lower regions. . ." The unearthly appeal and tug coming from the hellish volcano defies human logic. Many cults and bizarre sects receive their inspiration and instruction from the volcano.

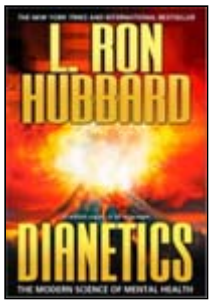
The volcano Mt. Shasta in California was the birthplace of the occult group I AM. The "Ascended Master" St. Germain miraculously descended from the sky to hiker Guy Ballard. From Mt. Shasta, the "Ascended Master" communicated the esoteric teachings of the I AM. In the book, "Unveiled Mysteries," Ballard describes his mystical encounter with the satanic Germain as, ". . . He stood there before me -- A Magnificent God-like figure - in a white jeweled robe, a Light and Love sparkling in his eyes that revealed and proved the Dominion and Majesty that are his."

Mt. Shasta provides otherworld revelation for the Rosicrucians. They believe the mystic people of Lemuris or Mu inhabit Mt. Shasta. Wenkem reports the Lemurians appearance as "garbed in pure white and in sandals, with long curly hair, tall and majestic in appearance" (Wenkam, Robert. *The Edge of Fire.* Sierra Club Books, San Francisco. 1987. p. 131) The Rosicrucians also teach volcanic eruptions provide mystic atonement for the materialistic greed of humanity.

James Hilton received a supernatural vision at the volcanic Mt. Shasta that spawned the cultic book, *Lost Horizon,* which unfolded the new age land of Shangri-La. New age guru and founder of the satanic Theosophical Society, Helena Blavatsky traveled to Mount Shasta and claimed the Sanskrit word Sishta [Shasta] was an enlightened sect from a previous age. Occult disciple and writer, John P. Scott (*On the Occult Path, Occult Interpretations, Four Gospels Esoterically Interpreted*, et. al.) says "'earthbound spirits from an old civilization" live at Mt. Shasta.

The inspiration from volcanoes created the "Dianetic" revelation for L. Ron Hubbard's trendy Scientology. Hubbard's perverted path claims that earthlings began when inhabitants from 76 planets, called the "Galactic

Federation", left their mother planet, traveled to Earth and settled specifically at volcanoes. Hubbards' Dianetic symbol is the fire spewing volcano.



Popular New Age teacher Nola Van Vale received esoteric messages from "Ascended Masters" at Mt. Shasta. Her occult books, *The Tramp At My Door, My Meeting with the Masters on Mount Shasta* and *Mt. Shasta Ascended Master Teaching* provide the basis of the new age Radiant School of Seekers and Servers.

Wenkam records 40 to 50 cults receive spiritual influence just from Mt. Shasta:

> An estimated 40 to 50 cult groups attach spiritual significance to Mt. Shasta. They describe 15 to 20 kinds if strange beings living inside or somewhere on the mountain. Some believe a race of drawfs similar to Hawaiian menehunes or Irish leprechauns inhabit Shasta. (Wenkam, Robert. *The Edge of Fire*. Sierra Club Books, San Francisco. 1987. pp. 131, 132)

Wenkam also records ordinary travelers commonly see bizarre beings at the volcanic Mt. Shasta:

> In past years, reports by travelers in the region of Shasta have mentioned seeing odd-looking persons who ran back into hiding when seen, people 'distinctive in features and complexion. . . have the appearance of being quite old and yet exceedingly agile.
> (Wenkam, Robert. *The Edge of Fire*. Sierra Club Books, San Francisco. 1987. pp. 131, 132)

The Connected Traveler writes the occult world bountifully inhabit Mt. Shasta:

> Channelers, astrologers and shops that sell healing crystals, tarot cards, wands and other spiritual needs are as common as 7-Elevens. They'll sell you maps plotting Shasta's lines of energy, vortexes and other places with spirits and forces that one does not find in Anaheim or the Bronx.
> (Mt. Shasta, *The Connected Traveler*, <http://www.connectedtraveler.com/shasta.html>)

Many more accounts exist linking Mt. Shasta to the occult. Several books such as *Mt. Shasta: History, Legend & Lore*, *Mt. Shasta: California's Mystic Mountain*, and *Secrets from Mt. Shasta* detail the mystic history of Mt. Shasta.

Volcano Mt. Saint Helens in Washington provides cosmic connections to frequent cult activity. Weird lights, unearthly sounds, UFO sightings and unusual beings are commonly reported at Mt. St. Helens. Sightings of the legendary Sasquatch, named "Bigfoot," commonly occur at Mt. St. Helens. Many volcanic cults such as The Children of the Great Firey One reside at Mt. St. Helens.

In 1998, a UFO sect of thirty-two Germans and one Spanish woman traveled to the volcano Mt. Teide in Spain. Led by German psychologist, Fittkau-Garthe, they designed a mass suicide to enable their souls transported away in a UFO at the volcano.
<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/1998/int/980119/europe.neardeath_experie15.html>

The strange clone-cult known as the "Raelians" was born at the volcano. Cult leader Claude Vorilhon supposedly met alien beings at the volcano "Le Puy de Lassalas." There the mysterious beings presented Vorilhon with the "Raelian" gospel. Vorilhon claims to have met with Jesus, Muhammad, Buddha and Moses while flying to other planets. Vorilhon's deluded followers number in the thousands, and own the cloning company Clonaid. Vorilhon says Jesus Christ was resurrected using cloning.

Clearly, the fire-breathing dragon called a volcano possesses a curious and diabolical appeal to the cults and occult.

SCIENCE FALSELY SO CALLED •

> **O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called**:
> 1 Timothy 6:20

Our *scientific* exploration of hell begins with a brief history of the past and present theories of volcanoes. Let us carefully weigh the *shifting sand* of science against the *solid rock* of the Word of God. Science has changed and revised and rewritten its theories through the years. But the Bible never wavered. It never changed. Its gospel of both hope and horror has been preached and printed far more than any other message. Its scientific accuracy

has been fiercely challenged and mocked through the years. And yet, even with the keen knowledge of twenty-first century science, every *verifiable* scientific discovery loudly testifies to the truthfulness of the Word of God. **And hell forms perhaps the Bible's greatest *verifiable* scientific witness.**

Let me address my readers who instinctively break out with scientific-itis. In other words, you find science boring, worthless and just flat out weird. Please keep reading and be patient. We'll get you through the fog of science shortly.

Let us travel through the halls of science and briefly inspect their myth, monsters and madness from yesteryear explaining the fearsome volcano.

The renowned Roman poet Virgil, who lived around 70 B.C. – 19 B.C. (near the time of Jesus), taught an unusual but popular theory about volcanoes:

> The Roman poet Virgil (70 B.C.–19 B.C.) **attribute the eruptions of Etna to the desperate efforts of the rebellious Titan Enceladus to free himself from the underground prison** to which Jupiter had consigned him. The trembling of the earth stemmed from his writhing, the eruption from his burning breath, and the rumbling from his plaintive voice.
> (Kraft, Katia and Maurice, *Volcanoes: Earth's Awakening*. Hammond Incorporated, Maplewood, 1980. p. 5)

Many preposterous and ridiculous delusions about volcanoes permeated the time of Jesus Christ.

> Moreover, the Greeks believe that their fire god, Hephastus, frequented this vicinity. **The Romans placed his dwelling in the crater of Vulcan.** This unruly child of Jupiter and Juno, they said, had set up a forge beneath the crater, and there, amid flames and smoke, he hammered out the bronze arrows of Apollo. . .
> (Kraft, Katia and Maurice, *Volcanoes: Earth's Awakening*. Hammond Incorporated, Maplewood, 1980. p. 5)

> The Roman mythical god Vulcan was so attributed to the volcano, the name "volcano" comes courtesy of the god of Vulcan. *National Geographic* writes, "In ancient times the natural phenomenon merged with myth, **drawing its name from a Roman god, Vulcan**, ruler of fire, forge, and hearth."
> (Volcanoes: Crucibles of Creation, *National Geographic*, Dec. 1992, p. 13)

It is worth noting that the Lord Jesus (and even the much older, Old Testament writers) never spoke such superstitious, mythical gibberish. **Every single statement where the Bible describes the "heart of the earth" it aligns 100% with today's authenticated science.** Not one statement, among 31,102 verses; 788,258 words, ever contradict true science. Not one.

The following silly superstitions and volcanic monsters were popular teachings during the time of the Lord Jesus.

> The primitive people of Chile, for example, **believed that a monstrous whale lived inside volcanoes**, while inhabitants of India saw the monster as a gigantic mole or ferocious boar. **The ancient Japanese thought a huge and horrifying spider lay inside**. The Indonesians believed there was snake, Hontobogo by name, which held up the whole world wit its body. . . Innumerable superstitions and rites connected with volcanoes have now come to light; and in more advanced civilizations too, **the imaginary inhabitants of volcanoes were closely related to myths of gods and devils.**
> (Rittmann, A. and L. *Volcanoes*. Insituto Geografico de Agostini S.p.A., Novara 1976. p. 7)

The Greek philosopher Plato (427 – 347 B.C.) is championed among our universities and institutes of higher learning. Plato's words and wisdom are considered almost the divine words of a god. Plato was among the first to seriously study volcanoes with a scientific discipline. The following are Plato's teachings concerning the heart of the earth:

> One of the earliest scientific approaches to the question of volcanoes was that of Plato. He claimed that earthquakes **were caused by hot winds imprisoned and under pressure in immense subterranean caverns. They caught fire from contact with the great burning river, the Pyrriphlegathon, and then gave birth to a volcano**.
> (Kraft, Katia and Maurice, *Volcanoes: Earth's Awakening*. Hammond Incorporated, Maplewood, 1980. p. 12)

Another giant amongst the academic elite is Aristotle (384–322 B.C. and one of Plato's students). Aristotle's "pneumatic" folly for the volcanic fire also arose from "winds trapped within the earth."

In his *Meteorics*, the Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-322 B.C.) suggested that volcanoes and earthquakes were caused **by winds trapped within the earth**. . . (Clayton, Keith, *The Crust of the Earth, The Story of Geology*, The Natural History Press, Garden City, NY, 1967. p. 10-12)

This is from a 19th century textbook. At this time, science still believed Aristotle's "pneumatic" theory of air and friction producing the fire from volcanoes.

> He [Aristotle] thought that waves breaking on the sea-shore compressed the air in caves along the coast, forcing it into the earth. Then, when it came into contact with sulphur and bitumen, the air would set them alight. Flames, smoke, scoria (lava fragments) and ashes then escaped through the vents of volcanoes. **This "pneumatic" theory dominated scientific thinking for more than 2,000 years, and terms like scoria and ash are still used in scientific language. . . This "combustion" theory which seemed, in effect, to be the only possible explanation, was accepted without reservation by philosophers and by most naturalists until the end of about the eighteenth century.** (Rittmann, A. and L. *Volcanoes*. Insituto Geografico de Agostini S.p.A., Novara 1976. pp. 8, 10)

Until the last hundred years, Aristotle's "combustion" concoction became the best *theory* the scientific community could "dream up." The fact that inside this earth contained a lake of fire, hotter than the surface of the sun, never entered their naturalistic dulled minds. To the scientific world, such a place did not seem possible.

Needless to say, the scientific knowledge about volcanoes was late coming. In fact, (as we'll see) the scientific community only discovered any serious truth about volcanoes within the last hundred years. As one writer conveyed science's limited knowledge of volcanoes:

> **In early times our knowledge of volcanoes was limited. People could see the smoke and lava that spewed forth from the volcanoes but didn't understand what caused it.** Many cultures explained these powerful forces by telling stories about the gods that lived in the volcano. Greek mythology, for example, was full of references to volcanoes. In their legends, Typhon, a hideous monster with many heads, drooled lava and spat out fiery rocks. To put a stop to this menace, Zeus imprisoned Typhon under Mt. Etna, the world's tallest active volcano. According to legend this is the source of all the mountain's volcanic activity. In addition, the Greeks credited the god Hephaestus for eruptions. He was generally a peaceful craftsman and the master of the forge, but if provoked, he could vent his wrath on the people in a storm of volcanic ash. Hephaestus later became the Roman god Vulcan.
> (http://www.algebralab.org/passage/passage.aspx?file=EarthSpace_Volcanoes.xml)

In 1665 German scholar Athanasius Kircher drew an early cross section of the earth. In his view, winds fan subterranean reservoirs of fire, inflaming volcanoes around the globe. (Center of the Earth, *National Geographic*, Jan. 1996, p. 104)

The 1700s heralded the lofty "Age of Enlightenment." This famed time period bears juicy accolades such as the "Age of Rationalism" or "Age of Idealism," trumpeting its intellectual and scientific progress. Their "enlightenment" regarding the heart of the earth remained in the dark. The following include a few "Age of Enlightenment" delusions:

> Sometime around 1700 the French chemist Lemery noticed that a mixture of iron filings and flowers of sulphur, dampened by water, spontaneously heats up to the point of incandescence and gives off steam and other projected matter. . .This idea took root that volcanoes are produced by the combustion and fermentation of certain matter in contact with air and water. **The famous French naturalist Buffon enthusiastically adopted this theory in his *Natural History*, written in the middle of the eighteenth century. . .**
> (Kraft, Katia and Maurice, *Volcanoes: Earth's Awakening*. Hammond Incorporated, Maplewood, 1980. p. 12-13)

Published in 1770, Count de Buffon's *Natural History,* stands high among scientists and naturalists. The following excerpts from Buffon's *Natural History*, illustrates his famous theory of the volcanic fire:

> A volcano is an immense cannon whose barrel may be a mile in diameter. Its mouth vomits torrents of smoke and flames, rivers of bitumen, sulphur and molten metal, clouds of ash and stones. . . The noise, fire and smoke are caused by the fact that in the burning mountains there are

> accumulations of sulphur, bitumen and other flammable matter, as well as minerals and pyrites which ferment when exposed to air and dampness. When they catch fire there is an explosion proportional to the quantity of flammable matter. . . **The center of volcanic activity is not deep down in the earth but near the surface; only for this reason does wind fan the combustion. . .**
> (Buffon, Georges Louis Leclerc Comte de, *Natural History* qtd. Kraft, Katia and Maurice, *Volcanoes: Earth's Awakening*. Hammond Incorporated, Maplewood, 1980. p. 12-13)

The following are more recent "grasping for straws" scientific *clunkers* explaining the "fire" in the earth:

> In the eighteenth century it was thought that electricity, which had only just been discovered, might be the source of volcanic energy, and this idea was thoroughly examined.
> (Rittmann, A. and L. *Volcanoes.* Insituto Geografico de Agostini S.p.A., Novara 1976. p. 11)

> Sir Humphry Davy ascribed volcanic heat to the oxidation of material in the deep interior of the Earth. An alternative idea was put forward by the engineer Robert Mallet, who was one of the founders of seismology. **He believed that the heat of the volcanic action was derived from the work of crushing rocks beneath the surface.**
> (Bruce A. Bolt, *Inside the Earth*, p. 6)

> **Finally, in the twentieth century, the discovery of radioactivity gave new scope to hypothesis about the origin of volcanoes.** According to one theory, the rocks inside the earth were melted by heat resulting from radioactivity produced by uranium, thorium and potassium. Finally, there have been hypothesis concerning atomic 'bombs' (nuclear reactions occurring naturally).
> (Rittmann, A. and L.. *Volcanoes*. Insituto Geografico de Agostini S.p.A., Novara 1976. p. 11)

> But as research by scientists and naturalists progressed, their study of volcanic phenomena was **concentrated on a single problem: to discover the source of the heat which fed volcanoes-in other words, to find the origin of volcanic energy.**
> (Rittmann, A. and L. *Volcanoes.* Insituto Geografico de Agostini S.p.A., Novara 1976. p. 10)

> **The source of the heat that melts rocks was once a subject of lively debate**. The leading contenders were the Earth's original heat from the time of formation; heat from the breakdown of the radioactive isotopes of uranium, thorium, and potassium; heat from the gravitative energy of redistributing heavy elements toward the center of the Earth; and heat from the tidal friction of slowing the Earth's rotation. Most geologists now agree that the decay of radioactive isotopes is the principal heat source.
> (Decker, Robert and Barbara, *Volcanoes*, W.H. Freeman and Company: San Francisco, 1997 p. 186)

We could quickly stock a good size library with the preposterous theories and delusions science plagued history with attempting to explain volcanic fire. **Suffice to say, until 150 short years ago, the scientific community remained in the dark illuminating the fire inside the earth. Their best theories were myth, monsters and madness.**

The Crust of the Earth, acknowledges earth science's abscess of "myth, guesswork, and vague philosophical speculation" littering history all those years.

> The key to the growing body of knowledge is the geologist's ability to collect masses of indirect evidence and to interpret it by physical and chemical laws. **Until about 150 years ago**, however, this kind of scientific rigor was rarely applied to man's inquiries into the nature and history of our planet. **Before then, the path toward knowledge was littered with myth, guesswork, and vague philosophical speculation**.
> (Clayton, Keith, *The Crust of the Earth, The Story of Geology*, The Natural History Press, Garden City, NY, 1967, p. 10)

But that would soon change. . .

SCIENCE GOES TO HELL •

> **Though they dig into hell. . .**
> Amos 9:2

In the late 1800's, earth sciences found the proverbial magic bullet for their study of the earth's interior. Earthquakes literally fired the magic bullet. In 1889, E. von Rebleur Paschwitz discovered that earthquakes create enormous seismic waves that travel deep into the earth's interior. These earthquake waves produce two unique seismic waves (called simply P and S) that enable geophysics to remotely "see" inside the earth. The P-waves (Primary waves) travel the fastest (hence the "Primary" wave) through both solid and liquid. The S-waves (Secondary waves) arrive after the P-waves and travel only through liquid. When the P and S waves strike different structures, such as liquid or solid, the seismic waves reflect or bend in accordance to the structure.

The data from seismographs opened a dim "peek" into the heart of the earth. Just as X-rays allow physicians to "see" inside the human body by producing images based on body structure, seismographs provide the same for geologists. Scientists analyze the seismographic data from hundreds of earthquakes and create a *projected* image of the earth interior. Then using an imaging method called seismic tomography (much like the computer-aided tomography [CAT] scans in medicine) scientists can "look" inside the earth. For the first time, science is able to "peep" inside the earth. The view remains dim and invites much speculation, but many false theories quickly die.

The seismographic revolution produced a gigantic scientific breakthrough. The following quotes come from earth science publications celebrating seismology's earth-shattering "peephole" into the earth's heart:

> Once entirely off limits to our questing curiosity the Earth's core has largely yielded up its secrets, substantially **thanks to studies of the seismic waves produced during earthquakes** that allow us to "see" deep into the Earth.
> (McGuire, Bill. London: Quarto Inc., 2002 *Raging Planet*, p. 17)

> At the turn of the century there was a crucial break in the hitherto unresolvable debate on the architecture of the Earth's interior—**the onset of the seismological age**.
> (Bolt, Bruce. *Inside the Earth*, p. 7)

> The major source of our information about the Earth's interior comes from seismology – the study of earthquakes.
> (J. A. Jacobs, *Deep Interior of the Earth*, p. 20)

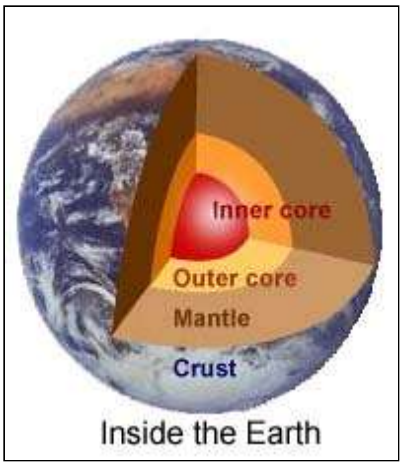
For the first time in history, the physical structure of earth's interior became vaguely evident. The seismographic data painted the popular picture of the interior's earth that consisted of three main layers: the crust, mantle and core. Scientists determined the three layers by mapping the change in structure from the seismographic readings.

> The most revealing view of the earth's interior comes from the observation of earthquake waves propagated over long distances. . . **The division of the earth into crust, mantle and core is based on such seismic observations.**
> (Decker, Robert and Barbara, *Volcanoes and the Earth's Interior*, Scientific American, Inc., W.H. Freeman and Company: San Francisco, 1982, p.103)

A brief description of the seismographic portrait of the earth's three layers is as follows:

The Crust

> The crust forms the earth's outer layer. It is solid consisting of approximately 30 miles deep on land and 5-10 miles deep in the ocean floor. The crust creates the land area on which we live.



The Mantle

> The mantle occupies the Earth's middle layer. It travels roughly 1,800 miles (2,900 km) and appears solid. Scientists *speculate* the mantle consist of iron and nickel.

The Core

> The core inhabits the "heart of the earth." It begins after the mantle, at approximately 1,800 miles under your feet. Geophysicists divide the core into an inner and outer core. The outer core literally consists of a "lake of fire" of molten iron and sulfur. It reaches a temperature of over 12,000 Fahrenheit, which is hotter than the surface of the sun! The lake of fire erupting from the mouth of a volcano comes from the outer core, travels through fractures in the mantle and out via cracks in the crust. **The core contains the place of hell**. The core also offers earth science's greatest mystery.

The following significant breakthroughs in the study of the earth's interior recently came to light due to seismographic data. Notice, all these discoveries occurred in the last 100 years—***and they all confirm the Bible's description of hell.***

- In 1906, R.D. Oldham discovered the liquid core.
- In 1913, German geophysicist Beno Gutenberg discovered the mantle-core boundary.
- In 1915, Beno Gutenberg calculated the size of the earth's core.
- In 1926, geophysicist Sir Harold Jeffreys verified the "heart of the earth" contained a "lake of fire."
- In 1936, Danish seismologist Inge Lehmann discovered a distinct boundary in the Earth's core, creating the outer and inner core.
- In the early 1960s, the size of the inner core was calculated from the seismic data generated from a nuclear test in Nevada.

Jesus Christ gave precise details of the earth's interior that match *exactly* what scientists have only recently discovered. For thousands of years, science spawned bogus theories of: mystic winds blowing through the earth producing fire breathing friction; or Vulcan myths, legends and monsters; or the magic of fire producing electricity; or fire-breathing radioactive decay; or maybe some silly flaming rudiment left over from the comical "Big Bang" delusion.

Finally, after several thousand years of zany slap-stick theories, science *repents and confesses* – **a lake of fire *really* dwells in the earth**. The truth is — they now have no other choice. The scientific evidence burns too bright.

Let us pause and fully digest the *scientific* knowledge that Jesus Christ understood of the earth's interior. Do not take this lightly. Our generation possesses an inherent obstacle in realizing the supernatural revelations of the Bible. We live in an advanced age when mankind has conquered and discovered many incredible frontiers. Computers, robotics, nuclear mechanics, space shuttles, nanotechnology, DNA and scores of everyday innovations fill our world that a few short years ago were unimaginable. With the advent of television, we can actually see volcanoes erupting, earthquakes cracking and scores of incredible events. When we read the Bible with the enhanced mindset of the twenty-first century we naturally react, "Big deal, everybody knew that." But they didn't two thousand years ago when Jesus Christ walked this earth. **Science did not realize a lake of fire was inside the earth until 1926!**

In an interview with *U.S. Geological Survey*, geophysicist Sir Harold Jeffreys was asked for his "most significant contributions to seismology?"

> HS: Which do you regard as the most significant of your contributions to seismology?
> JEFFREYS: Three, I would say. First**, the definite statement in 1926 that the Earth's core is liquid.**
> (Sir Harold Jeffreys - An Interview, by Henry Spall , U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Va. http://neic.usgs.gov/neis/seismology/people/int_jeffreys.html)

> In our voyage to the center, we have now reached shell E, which constitutes the enormous liquid outer core of the Earth. **Of its liquidity, first established convincingly by Sir Harold Jeffreys of Cambridge University. . . [in 1926]**
> (Bruce A. Bolt, *Inside the Earth*, p. 83)

It was *humanly* impossible for Jesus Christ to know inside this earth roars an ocean of fire. We previously read where the limited knowledge of His day was myth, monsters and superstitions. There were no publications describing erupting volcanoes. The first recorded eyewitness account of an erupting volcano was not available until 104 A.D. in Italy – not Israel. **Nearly one hundred years after Jesus Christ walked this earth.**

> **The first recorded eyewitness report of an erupting volcano did not occur until Pliny the Younger in 104 A.D. in two letters to friends on the 79 AD eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.**
> (Moores, Eldridge I. *Volcanoes and Earthquakes*, Time-Life Books: p. 47)

We can now travel the globe and video every little event. Hundreds of erupting volcanoes are readily available for the world to see. But during the time of Jesus Christ, few volcanoes were even known. Even then, they were only known by the local people. Today, scientists monitor over 1500 active volcanoes.

Author Bill McGuire in *The Raging Planet,* writes specifically "at the time of Christ" only a handful of Mediterranean active volcanoes were known.

> **In past times, however, the threat from volcanoes was often not realized** and, if no signs of life were evident, an active volcanic core was not distinguished from any other mountain. Without

> widespread use of the written word, memories were short, and within a few generations recollections of past eruptions and past catastrophes were quickly lost. **If a list of active volcanoes had been out together at the time of Christ, it would have contained only a handful of Mediterranean volcanoes such as Etna and Stromboli.** A list recently compiled by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington contains over 550 volcanoes at which historical eruptions have been recorded, and another 1,000 or so that are still clearly "alive."
> (McGuire, Bill. *Raging Planet*. London: Quarto Inc., 2002, p. 43)

Jesus Christ the man never saw an erupting volcano. As a man, He probably never heard anyone describe an exploding volcano. At least 75% of all volcanoes occur along the volatile fault line, fittingly called the "**Ring of Fire**." The Ring of Fire surrounds the Pacific Ocean and travels from New Zealand, along the eastern edge of Asia, north across the Aleutian Islands of Alaska, and south along the coast of North and South America. Obviously, Israel is nowhere near the Ring of Fire. The book *Raging Planet* (p. 23) states, "Luckily for some of us, volcanoes and large earthquakes are not distributed randomly across the entire planet." Consequently, Israel contains no active volcanoes. Consequently, "the man" Jesus Christ knew nothing about an erupting volcano. **Consequently, it was not humanly possible for Jesus Christ to know a fire dwells inside this earth. But He knew! And boy, did He know. . .**

It was not until 1926 that science finally discovered the earth contains a lake of fire! Yet, the man, Jesus Christ authoritatively and repeatedly preached this over 2,000 years ago!

Caspar Peucer, a famous fourteenth century astronomer and physician, who researched the fiery volcano eruptions at Heklafell wrote as the fires of hell ascended, "fearful howlings, weeping and gnashing of teeth" could be heard "for many miles. . ."

> "Out of the bottomless abyss of Heklafell, **or rather out of Hell itself, rise melancholy cries and loud wailings, so that these can be heard for many miles around. . . there may be heard in the mountain fearful howlings, weeping and gnashing of teeth."**
> (Haraldur Sigurdsson, *Melting the Earth, The History of Ideas on Volcanic Eruptions*, p. 73)

Caspar Peucer is not alone. Throughout history, others confess they've heard "cries and screaming" coming from the mouth of volcanoes.

> **"The fearsome noises that issued from some of their volcanoes were certainly thought to be the screams of tormented souls in the fires of hell below".**
> (Haraldur Sigurdsson, *Melting the Earth*, *The History of Ideas on Volcanic Eruptions*, p. 73)

JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF THE EARTH •

> **For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**
> Matthew 12:40

Let us dig a little deeper in our exploration of the "heart of the earth"—the "holy grail" of earth sciences.

As scientists analyzed the seismographic information, an unexpected and dramatic seismographic change occurred inside the "heart of the earth." A change so striking appeared, it has left geophysicists scratching their heads for an explanation.

As the seismographic waves traveled down to 1,800 miles, the data maps the liquid, "lake of fire" of the outer core. When the waves reached the inner core an *immediate change* in density occurs. It appears not as a gradual transformation normally observed when a liquid changes to solid, but a sharp distinct boundary occurs. This sudden and bewildering change in density fashioned the theory of the solid inner core. Consequently, every current science book pictures the earth with a liquid outer core and a solid inner core.

> The outer core, down to 5150 kilometers, is molten in the sense it does not transmit shear vibrations. **The final inner core is *apparently* solid**.
> (Decker, Robert and Barbara, *Volcanoes and the Earth's Interior*, Scientific American, Inc., W.H. Freeman and Company: San Francisco, 1982, p. 83)

This sharp inner-outer core boundary presents earth sciences most baffling mystery. Scientists surmise that the solid inner core mysteriously cooled down below the melting point. *But how can this be?* The huge (1800 miles

thick) surrounding outer core consists of extremely hot (12,000F) liquid iron. And scientists readily acknowledge the deeper into the earth—the hotter the temperature. The scientific *concoctions* deciphering the abrupt inner-out core boundary sounds a lot like the mythic Vulcan-god lives in the volcano.

The book *Schaums' Outline Series: Theory and Problems of Earth Sciences* tackles the sixty-four million dollar question:

> "The earth's interior consists of a liquid layer (the outer core) sandwiched between the solid inner core and the sold mantle. **How can such a curious structure have come into being?"** (Beiser, Arthur. *Schaums' Outline Series: Theory and Problems of Earth Sciences.* McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1975, p. 74) Parroting the Darwinian muddled-madness, Beiser repeats the evolution-party-line fairy-tale of the big-bang gobbledygook.

Geophysicists Jacobs confesses to the "puzzling problem" of a presumed sold inner core [IC], supposing the inner-outer core boundary "must be at the melting point."

> "**A puzzling problem is how the Earth could have evolved into its present structure with a sold mantle, solid IC [inner core] and liquid OC [outer core]**. A possible explanation was put forward by Jacobs in 1953. If the transition from the IC to the OC is a transition from the solid to the liquid form of a single material, **then the boundary must be at the melting point**."
> (J. A. Jacobs, *Deep Interior of the Earth*, p. 67)

In order to explain the perplexing solid inner core, geophysicists came up with the theory that the higher pressure exerted on the inner core raises the melting point just enough to prevent the inner core from melting. **No verifiable data supports their claim.**

Although every earth science publication and text book always pictures the interior of the earth with a solid inner core, there exists much debate over the state of the inner core. The solid inner-core is no slam dunk. A couple of examples follow:

> "Depending on how the results of the experiments are extrapolated, **it is possible to reach either the conclusion that the iron and nickel in the core are liquid, or that they are solid**. As a result some researchers assert that the core cannot be molten. **This is known as the 'core paradox', and was a topic of debate among earth scientists."**
> (Ozima, Minoru, *The Earth: Its Birth and Growth*, Cambridge University Press, 1981, p. 48)

In 1983, Dr. H.G. Owen of the British Museum of Natural History authored the highly-acclaimed and controversial, *Atlas of Continental Displacement, 200 Million Years to the Present.* The following source details Dr. Owen's assertion that the solid inner core "may be a myth." Dr. Owen also maintains that the seismographic readings of both a solid inner core and a plasma inner core "would be similar."

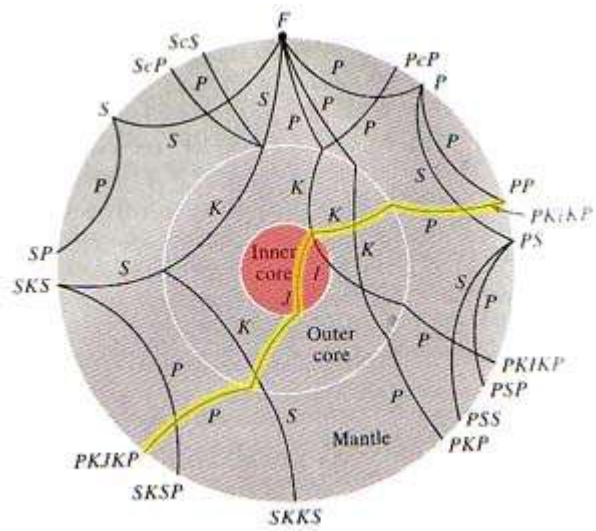
> At the same time, Owen also introduced an ingenious idea: "Are the pressure and heat in the interior of the Earth enough to maintain a plasma core? **They probably are, and the solid nickel-iron core of the textbooks may be a myth"**. According to the transmission of seismic waves through the Earth's core and the composition of meteorites, it had previously been thought that the inner core was solid, composed of nickel, iron and probably sulphur. The outer core was assumed to be molten. Owen explains that "**the behavior of waves passing through a plasma core would be similar to that in a solid iron-sulphur core**".
> (Owen, H.G., Atlas of Continental Displacement: 200 Million Years to the Present, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1983. cited at <http://www.wincom.net/earthexp/n/owen.htm>)

To throw another odd piece into the outer-inner-core puzzle, Harvard Professor Adam Dziewonski and winner of the coveted William Bowie Medal of geophysicists, claims to have discovered another core of 360 miles in diameter inside the inner core – an inner-inner core. (*Science* 274, pp. 1883-1887, 1996)

THE CENTER OF THE EARTH	
The speculation that the boundary of the inner-outer core *must be at the melting point of the liquid-fire of the outer core* generates a serious problem. The difficulty arises because the boundary is not a gradual change normally observed when a liquid state changes to a solid. Seismologist Bruce Bolt acknowledges,	

"The boundary between the outer and inner core **is sharp."**

> The Earth's core is so remote that only the most general arguments from basic physics can be used to estimate temperature. From seismological observations, the outer core is liquid and the inner core probably is solid. **The boundary between the outer and inner core is sharp**. . .
> (Bruce A. Bolt, *Inside the Earth*, p. 161)



The above drawing is the data simulation from an actual seismographic reading. We yellow-highlighted the line that runs through the inner core. Notice the sharp turns at the entrance and exit of the inner core revealing a major structure change. **This clearly proves something "prepared" is in the heart of the earth.**
(Figure from the book *Inside the Earth* by Bruce A. Bolt p. 40, with high-lighting added for clarity)

Examining the scientific data available, one fact is certain — whatever lies inside the "heart of the earth" is no accident. It is no "Big Bang" fairy-tale. It is definite. . . It is deliberate. . . It was clearly placed there for a purpose. (Matthew 25:41)

THE TEMPERATURE OF HELL •

> **For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell. . .**
> Deuteronomy 32:22

Dr. Bruce Bolt ranks among the world's top seismologists. His extensive expertise compasses over forty years, including such lofty accolades as: Director of the University of California Seismographic Stations for 28 years; President of the prestigious Seismological Society of America and Emeritus Professor of Seismology at U.C. Berkeley. One of Dr. Bolt's many books, *Inside the Earth*, published in 1982, stands tall within the works of earth sciences. In 1982, Dr. Bolt recorded the following conclusions about the earth's temperature:

> Another important subject of speculation last century was the temperature inside the Earth. It was known from mining operations that the temperature of the rocks increases with increasing depths. . . The snag is that if this rate of increase continues even deeper the temperature of the interior would become enormous; at only a depth of 500 kilometers, for example, it would exceed 10,000C. **The inference is that the high rate of temperature increase measured at the surface does not continue uniformly to great depths or we would arrive at temperatures exceeding that thought to occur at the surface of the Sun. A reasonable alternative, in the view of the early geophysicists, was that the Earth was cooling inward from the surface and outward from the center. The concept thus emerged of a mainly solid Earth containing a spherical nucleus that was perhaps liquid or liquid and viscous gas.**
> (Bolt, Bruce A. *Inside the Earth.* pp. 4, 5)

Notice a few important observations Dr. Bolt presents:

1. If the "known" rate of temperature increase per depth continues, temperatures inside the earth, ". . . would arrive at temperatures exceeding that thought to occur at the surface of the Sun."

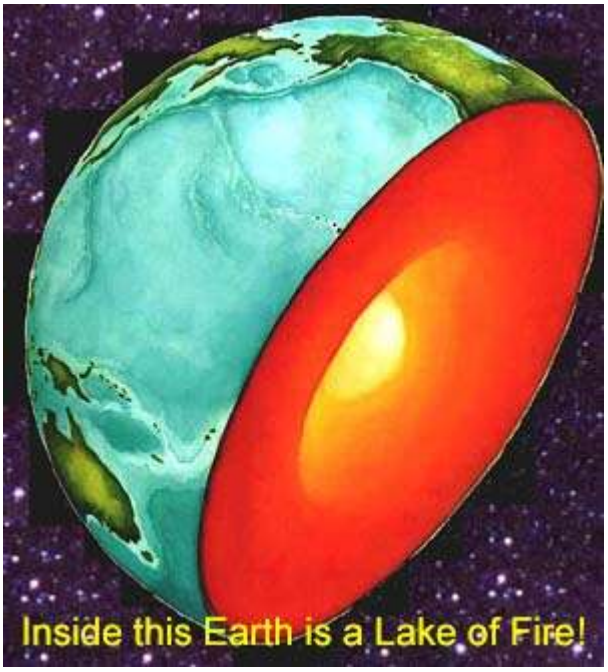
2. Because the enormous high temperature would exceed the surface of the sun appears impossible, Dr. Bolt reasons, "**A reasonable alternative, in the view of the early geophysicists**, was that the Earth was cooling inward from the surface and outward from the center."

3. Dr. Bolt concludes, "**The concept thus emerged of a mainly solid Earth** containing a spherical nucleus that was perhaps liquid or liquid and viscous gas."

Dr. Bolt's conjectures of a cooling, solid inner core, based primarily upon the improbability of such enormous high temperatures searing in the "heart of the earth," resounds throughout earth sciences. **The *de facto* conclusion among earth scientists is the extremely high temperatures are not possible.** Not based on any data, but only speculation. In fact, the data tells us something different.

Author Shawna Nogel asks in *The Naked Earth: The New Geophysics*:

> "How hot is the center of the earth? **Such a basic question is a gaping hole in geophysicists' understanding of the planet and therefore a matter that they have returned to again and again**."
> (Nogel, Shawna. *The Naked Earth: The New Geophysics* p. 106)



How hot is the center of the earth? A lot hotter than science ever imagined. . .

Just as many previous scientific presumptions were shattered, in 1986 two notable experiments literally squashed the tightly-held belief that the earth's interior can not reach the enormous temperatures as the data forecasted. Both tests were exclusive of each other involving completely different techniques, and yet both produced the same results.

Any serious simulation of the core's temperature deemed hopeless because of the incredible amount of pressure exerted at the earth's core. The mammoth weight from the mantle's 1800 miles of dense rock pressing against the outer core generates over 3.5 million times the earth's surface pressure. When pressure increases, higher temperatures are required to melt the material.

The melting point for iron on the earth's surface is 2800 F. The huge pressure at the core greatly raises the melting point of iron. For scientists to effectively measure the core's temperature, they must reproduce the enormous pressure at the core. At that point, they could measure the temperature that melted iron and presto -- that should be the temperature of the outer core. Only one problem, there exists no known method or machinery for scientists to produce that enormous pressure. That is, until 1986. . .

In 1986, two separate experiments were conducted that simulated the enormous pressure at the core. The tests measured the melting point of iron at 250 gigapascals (250 gigapascals equal about 725 million p.s.i.). The prestigious journal *Science* (April 10, 1987 vol. 236) reported the results of the following tests.

At the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) geophysicist Tom Ahrens created a colossal cannon of over 105 feet to reproduce extreme pressures by shooting small pieces of matter at over sixteen thousand miles an hour. This is no child's play, taking over 20 years to reproduce and requiring over five pounds of troglycerine and nitrocellulose as explosive power. For a tiny fraction of a second the discharged matter experiences the enormous pressure at the core. Shooting small pieces of iron, Ahrens was able to calculate the melting point of iron at the core pressure. The results shot an earthquake rumbling through the geophysicist world.

As Ahrens and crew measured the enormous pressure and temperature created by the gigantic cannon, 350 miles up the coast experiments at the University of California at Berkeley took a different route to arrive at the same destination. Geophysicist Raymond Jeanloz fashioned a laser–heated, diamond-anvil to create the core's

enormous pressure. Utilizing lasers Jeanloz replicated the core's temperature by compressing small specks of iron in the diamond anvil. Despite completely different methods exercised both experiments yielded the same shocking results.

Author Shawna Nogel recounts the startling outcome in *The Naked Earth: The New Geophysics*:

> "The paper came out in *Science* in April 1987. . . By anyone's measure, this was an eventful year. The researchers declared the temperature at the center of the earth to be approximately 12,000 degrees Fahrenheit. That was thousands of degrees higher than past estimates. **In fact, it was hundred of degrees hotter than the surface of the sun."**
> (Nogel, Shawna. *The Naked Earth: The New Geophysics,* p. 111)

As recent as 1982, esteemed geophysicist Dr. Bolt stated, "**it appears impossible to fix temperatures. . . in the core better than 1000 C [1832 F]**". (Bruce A. Bolt, *Inside the Earth*, p. 162)

Just four short years later, geophysicists in two separate experiments demonstrated the earth's core greater than 12,000F!

Again, science *inadvertently* endorses a place that the Bible described *precisely* thousands of years ago. Throughout those thousands of years, while science zealously concocted hundreds and hundreds of fallacies and delusions, the Bible never flinched. It never wavered. Science smugly ridiculed, mocked and snickered at the Lord Jesus' in-depth descriptions of hell. Now thousands of years later, the evidence literally burns too hot and too bright that even skeptical science can not extinguish it. **Is there any doubt to the reality of the place called hell?**

The Birmingham News of April, 10, 1987 reported their findings in an article titled, "Earth's Center Hotter Than Sun's Surface, Scientists Say:" The article states the extreme temperatures at the core surprised the scientists in that "the finding. . . suggests the core" [the heart of the earth] "is the source of much of the heat." The Lord Jesus described the core or heart of the earth thousands of years ago as a flaming lake of fire.

> The center of the Earth is hotter than the sun's surface with temperatures thousands of degrees higher than once thought, say scientists who used diamonds and guns to mimic pressures at the planet's core. **Earth's inner core has a temperature of about 12,420 degrees Fahrenheit compared with previous estimates of 4,900 to 6,700 degrees**, scientists from the University of California at Berkeley and the California Institute of Technology reported today in the journal Science. . . **The finding is surprising because it suggests the core [the heart of the earth]**, not the overlying mantle, is the source of much of the heat that makes huge plates of the Earth's crust slide over its surface in a process called continental drift or plate tectonics. . .
> ("Earth's Center Hotter Than Sun's Surface, Scientists Say:" *The Birmingham News*, April, 10, 1987)

The article says scientists were "surprised" to discover the heat comes from the core. Until 1986, science previously believed the fire came from the outlying mantle, not inside the "heart of the earth." May I remind my readers, in 1450 B.C. Deuteronomy 32:22 emphatically states that the fire from the "lowest hell" [the core] shall set on fire the foundations of the mountain.

> For a fire is kindled in mine anger, **and shall burn unto the lowest hell**, and shall consume the earth with her increase, **and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.**
> Deuteronomy 32:22

In *Raging Planet*, author Bill McGuire *unintentionally* repeats the words of Deuteronomy 32:22 – it is inside the "heart of the earth" where the fires of hell burn:

> Ultimately, it is the Earth's metallic core that provides the enormous heat energy, first to the mantle, and then upward to the rigid exterior and the plates. Here, nearly 3,100 miles (5,000km) beneath the surface, **is the Earth's heart**, a part liquid, part solid ball of nickel and iron **as hot as the surface of the Sun**.
> (McGuire, Bill. London: Quarto Inc., 2002 *Raging Planet*, p. 15)

THE WORLDS WERE FRAMED BY THE WORD OF GOD •

> **Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**
> Hebrews 11:3

Everything we can humanly verify about hell, matches exactly as the Bible describes. **All the verifiable data soundly confirms the physical elements of the Bible details of hell.** Despite the vast amount of provable data, I'm certain the vast majority of scientists (and even some Christians) would ridicule the thought that hell actually exists inside this earth.

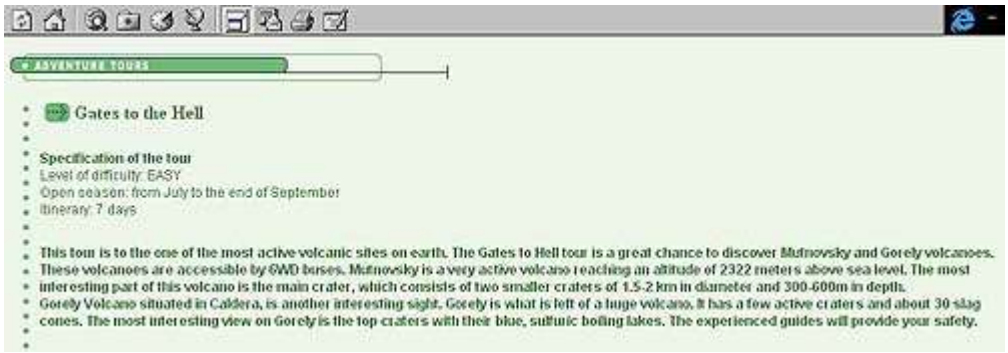
But despite science's opposition towards the Word of God, they invariably "testify" to its truthfulness. And hell is no difference. **They may not actually believe in hell, but boy do they "preach" about it.** In fact, if most preachers preached about hell like some of these scientists, we'd have a lot more people saved from hell.

Notice the following scientists "preaching" about hell:

Note: This is just a few of the literally hundreds of such proclamations of hell.

PBS series "SAVAGE EARTH" titled "HELL'S CRUST"
(http://www.pbs.org/wnet/savageearth/hellscrust/index.html)

National Geographic Magazine's volcano article titled "GOING TO HELL"
(http://www.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0011/feature3/index.html)



Adventure Tour's exploration of the Mutnovsky and Gorely volcanoes - "Gates to the Hell" tour.

Lassen Volcanic National Park called "Hell on Earth"

The article states, "**The only place in California where you can get a glimpse of Hades is Bumpass Hell.**"
(http://gorp.away.com/gorp/location/ca/lassen3.htm)

Nature's Science Update on volcanoes titled "Rivers of Fire"

The article states, "**Volcanoes may be more like Hell than anyone realized**. Eruptions disgorge streams of molten sulphur, **the brimstone of evangelical preachers**, which burns up before it can be preserved for posterity, new research in the journal *Geology* shows."

BBC Volcano Program titled "Volcano Hell"
(http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/horizon/2001/volcanohell.shtml)

National Geographics "Eye in the Sky" Series for Nature's Fury under "Volcanoes" displays the above three images:
"FIRE", "BRIMSTONE", "HELL ON EARTH".
(http://www.nationalgeographic.com/eye/volcanoes/volcanoes.html)

Oceaus' Journey into the crater of a volcano - “Into the ‘Mouth of Hell’”
(http://www.whoi.edu/oceanus/viewArticle.do?id=13350)

'Going Into Hell' - Ambrym Lava Lakes
(http://www.vanuatu.net.vu/tourism/intro/infocolumns/Ambrym-Volcano-Vanuatu-Lava-Lakes.shtml)

THE FORBIDDEN IRON •

> **And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them.**
> Deuteronomy 27:5

Due to the recent advancement of earth sciences, geophysicists have concluded the fire inside the earth consists of primarily iron and sulfur. According to *The Planet Earth,* "The observed outer core density is slightly too low for pure iron, however, and it is **thought to comprise a mixture of 10 per cent sulfur and 90 per cent iron**." (*The Planet Earth*, World Book, Inc, Chicago 1985, p. 51)

Iron occupies a substantial reference in the Word of God of at least 102 references. The scriptures firmly identify iron as a symbol of strength, judgment and the wrath of God.

The following scriptures depict iron as a symbol for stern judgment.

> Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put **a yoke of iron upon thy neck**, until he have destroyed thee.
> Deuteronomy 28:48

> And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred **chariots of iron;** and twenty years **he mightily oppressed** the children of Israel.
> Judges 4:3

> 6 But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:
> 7 But the man that shall touch them must be **fenced with iron** and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place.
> 2 Samuel 23:6-7

> 10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, **being bound in affliction and iron;**
> 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

Psalm 107:10-11

17 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:
18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: **he was laid in iron**:
19 Until the time that his word came: **the word of the LORD tried him**.
Psalm 105:17-19

Iron frequently represents the wrath of God. The following scriptures reveal a frightening usage of iron.

In 2 Samuel 12, iron was specifically mentioned in executing the severe wrath of God upon the cities of Ammon.

And he [David] brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, **and under harrows of iron**, and **under axes of iron**, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.
2 Samuel 12:31

Iron evokes judgment and the wrath of God at the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah 10 and 11 are references to the judgment of God at the second advent. The thickets of the forest represent people. Notice verse 11:1 is the second advent of the Lord Jesus.

33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.
34 And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest **with iron**, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.
11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
Isaiah 10:33-11:1

Several times the scriptures symbolize the wrath of God at the second advent as a devastating "rod of iron."

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
5 Then shall he speak unto them **in his wrath**, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
9 Thou shalt break **them with a rod of iron**; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
Psalm 2:4-9

And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.
Revelation 2:27

And she brought forth a man child, **who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron:** and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.
Revelation 12:5

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: **and he shall rule them with a rod of iron**: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and **wrath** of Almighty God.
16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.
Revelation 19:15-16

It is also remarkable the Latin word for "iron" is *ferrum* which literally means "sword." The atomic symbol (fe) for iron comes from the Latin word *ferrum*.

Iron contains a dark history in the occult. According to *The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft,* "Iron plays a curious role in witchcraft, sorcery and the supernatural." (Guiley, Rosemary Ellen. *The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft,* Checkmark Books, New York, p. 172)

Iron also carries a dark and forbidden aura in the scriptures. Daniel chapter 2 paints a dark portrait of iron in the person of the Antichrist.

> 33 **His legs of iron**, his feet part of iron and part of clay.
> 34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the **image upon his feet that were of iron and clay**, and brake them to pieces.
> . . .
> 40 And the fourth kingdom **shall be strong as iron**: **forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.**
> 41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; **but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron,** forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.
> Daniel 2:33-34, 40-41

One of rock music's most popular songs is titled "Iron Man" by the group Black Sabbath. Black Sabbath fathered the music known as "Satan rock." Their first album pictured a deathly witch on the cover. The inside sleeve of the album blasphemously displayed the cross of Jesus Christ – upside-down. Their song song *N.I.B.* (Nativity In Black), from their first album, is a love-song from Lucifer. In the song, they sing in the first person as a loving, gift-giving Lucifer. . . one line says, "My name is Lucifer, please take my hand." Former lead singer Ozzy Osbourne admits to drinking blood (*Oui*, March 1982, pp. 36, 56), attempting to kill his wife and being possessed by the devil (*Hit Parader*, Nov., 1984, p. 49). The antics and blasphemy of Black Sabbath would easily fill a whole book.

Black Sabbath's song "Iron Man" is an obvious song about the Antichrist. Some of the lyrics are:

> Planning his vengeance
> That he will soon unfold. . .
>
> Now the time is here
> For Iron Man to spread fear
> Vengeance from the grave
> Kills the people he once saved. . .
>
> Fills his victims full of dread
> Running as fast as they can
> Iron Man lives again!

Some zealous Sabbath fans claim "Iron Man" *innocently* rose from the Marvel Comic "Iron Man." Ozzy Osbourne, former lead singer for Black Sabbath, identifies the "Iron Man" as the antichrist in his song, "Gets Me Through," with the line, "I'm not the antichrist or the Iron Man."

The more bizarre use of iron occurs in Daniel 2:43. The context is the Antichrist, but verse 43 shifts to a plural "they." The "they" (which is personified as iron) "mingles with the seed of man."

> And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, **they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men:** but they shall not cleave one to another, **even as iron is not mixed with clay.**
> Daniel 2:43

Daniel 2:43 sounds much like what occurred in Genesis chapter 6.

Genesis 6 records an event so evil that it culminated in God destroying all life on earth (except Noah and his family). The scriptures describe an incident where the "sons of God" took wives of the "daughters of men" whose offspring created giants, and mighty men.

> 2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
> 3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.
> 4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the **sons of God came in unto the daughters of men**, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.
> 5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
> 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
> 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.
> Genesis 6:2-7

Some Bible students believe in Daniel 2:43, "they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men. . ." is an event comparable to Genesis 6 where the "sons of God" cohabitated with "the daughters of men." The "iron" of the "as **iron** is not mixed with clay" qualify the previous "they." Could the iron "they" of Daniel 2:43 emerge as demonic beings unleashed during the Antichrist's "iron" reign of hell during tribulation? The "clay" clearly symbolizes the "seed of man," as Adam was created from clay (Genesis 2:7). The Hebrew word "Adam" literally means "red clay." The "seed of men" distinguishes the "iron-they" from other humans.

> And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, **they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men:** but they shall not cleave one to another, **even as iron is not mixed with clay.**
> Daniel 2:43

A clear reference to demonic beings from hell (or the iron furnace) unleashed on the earth during the tribulation (a.k.a the "iron" reign of the Antichrist in Daniel), appears in Revelation 9. An angel opens a great furnace called "the bottomless pit" in the earth, and demonic beings from hell ascend. Also notice, the emergence of "iron" from the bottomless pit in the demon's "breastplates of iron."

> 1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of **the bottomless pit**.
> 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of **a great furnace**; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.
> 3 And there came **out of the smoke locusts upon the earth**: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
> 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.
> 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
> 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.
> 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.
> 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.
> 9 And they had breastplates, **as it were breastplates of iron**; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
> Revelation 9:1-9

Daniel's prophetic cohabitation of iron "mingling with the seed of men. . ." coincides with a remarkable biological oddity. The oxygen-carrying hemoglobin in our blood requires the assistance of iron. Daniel's unusual prophesy of iron "mingling with the seed of men" may not be so strange after all.

Iron possesses other bizarre traits such as it *appears* to "bleed." As iron oxides, it "magically" forms red rust. As the rust emerged, people once believed the iron was actually bleeding.

Most of our iron is smelted from rocks containing iron. Natural iron, which comes from meteorites is extremely rare. Because native iron is the only metal that falls from the sky via meteorites, people once believed it came directly from heaven, hence iron was called "holy metal."

The Dictionary of Symbolism says about iron, "In the ancient world it was believed to be a metal of which demons and evil spirits were afraid;. . ." (Symbols 185) This fear could possibly come from the iron's link to their eternal judgment in the "iron" fires of hell. Hitler's regimen from hell was named the "Iron Cross." In Samuel 17:7, Goliath's spear head "**weighed six hundred shekels of iron**." Goliath surfaces as an obvious type of the Antichrist.

> Although meteoric iron was prized as a celestial metal, especially by the Aztecs, smelting iron was seen in the early years of the Iron Age as an instrument of evil. It was associated by the Greek author Herodotus (c. 484-c.425BCE) with "the hurt of man", by the Egyptians with the bones of the destructive god Set. . . . Iron later became a symbol of slavery. . .
> (Tresidder, Jack, *Dictionary of Symbols*, Chronicle Books: San Fransicsco, 1997, p. 109)

Iron receives some peculiar attention in the scriptures in Deuteronomy 27, Joshua 8 and 1 Kings 6. In Deuteronomy 27 and Joshua 8 any iron tool is strictly forbidden in building the altar. In 1 Kings 6:7, any "**hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron"** was forbidden when Solomon built the House of the Lord.

> And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up **any iron tool** upon them.
> Deuteronomy 27:5

> As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no **man hath lift up any iron**: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.
> Joshua 8:31

> And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer **nor ax nor any tool of iron** heard in the house, while it was in building.
> 1 Kings 6:7

One author commenting on 1 Kings 6:7 concerning the prohibition frankly writes:

> "Why was no iron tool heard during the construction of the temple? Who were the craftsmen that built the temple without iron tools? What tools were used if not tools made from iron? How was the temple built if not with iron tools? **Iron tools are so useful that it boggles the mind to imagine building anything without them.** There really were no commonly available substitutes for iron until after World War II; as a practical matter, it is far from being replaced today."
> (The Message of the Covenant, < http://aeragon.com/itz/05-temple-01.html>)

Why was iron sternly forbidden in building the altar or the house of the Lord?

Of the 20 plus commentaries I searched, most provided no comments on the verses. The few that did asserted the prohibition on iron was the "noise" iron created hitting the stones. Of course, there exists not even a hint of such silliness in the scriptures.

Exodus 20:25 provides the answer to the "forbidden" iron mystery. We previously read in Deuteronomy 27 and Joshua 8, where the Lord forbade iron to be used building the altar. In Exodus 20:25, the Lord states the tool "pollutes" the altar.

> And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, **thou hast polluted it.**
> Exodus 20:25

Without question, the scriptures reveal a dark and sinister atmosphere surrounding "iron." From its symbol of the Antichrist, to the wrath of God or its forbidden use in the Lord's work, the scriptures paint an evil picture of iron.

Is iron the elemental tool of the wrath of God? It certainly appears so. Could that also explain why the damnation of hell located inside the earth consists of burning iron? Matthew 25:41 states that hell was ". . . **prepared** for the devil and his angels." God intentionally designed hell burning with the fire of molten iron. **Iron was His choice.**

THE IRON FURNACE •

The most curious use of iron in the scriptures surfaces in Deuteronomy 4:20, 1 Kings 8:51 and Jeremiah 11:4. In these three verses the Lord depicts Israel's exodus from Egypt as saved from **"the iron furnace."**

> But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth **out of the iron furnace**, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.
> Deuteronomy 4:20

> For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, **from the midst of the furnace of iron**:
> 1 Kings 8:51

> Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, **from the iron furnace**, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:
> Jeremiah 11:4

One problem, Egypt had no "iron furnaces." At this time, Egypt did not have the knowledge to smelt iron nor fashion any "iron furnaces." According to the book, *Gems and Minerals of the Bible*, "The Egyptians **knew nothing of iron deposits in the earth.** They possessed only the meteoric metal that plunged flaming from the skies." (Wright, Ruth V. and Robert L. Chadbourne. *Gems and Minerals of the Bible,* Harpers & Row, New York, 1970 p. 70) The authors also maintain that during this time, the Hittites were the sole proprietors of "iron furnaces" and held a "monopoly of iron."

If Egypt possessed no "iron furnaces," then *what* was Deuteronomy 4:20, 1 Kings 8:51 and Jeremiah 11:4 *really* referring to? If it was not a literal "iron furnace," what was it? Most commentaries simply dismiss the "iron furnaces" as a "metaphorical reference" of severe trial and affliction. The following quotes from popular Biblical resources illustrate this interpretation.

Coffman Commentaries and on the Old and New Testament downplay the "iron furnace" of 1 Kings 8:51:

> This is a **metaphorical reference** to Egypt as a place of severe trial and affliction.
> (*Coffman Commentaries on the Old and New Testament*, "1 King 8:51")

The popular *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* also snuffs out the "iron furnace":

> "'The iron furnace' is **used metaphorically** for affliction, chastisement,"
> (*The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, "iron")

Bishop Anthony Sparrow in his famous *A Rationale upon the Book of Common Prayer* in 1672 recorded Egypt was a type of hell:

> All things happened to them in types and figures; not only words but actions were typical. **Egypt was a type of Hell, and their captivity there, a type of our captivity under sin and the Devil.** Their deliverance from thence, **a type and figure of our deliverance from Hell.**
> (Sparrow, Anthony., D.D.London, 1672. A Rationale upon the Book of Common Prayer http://justus.anglican.org/resources/pc/sparrow/rationale/easter.html)

The Lord *specifically* describes the deliverance from Egypt as from "THE iron furnace," not simply "A" iron furnace, but a "specific" THE iron furnace. Three different times, using three different "authors," certainly negates any trivial **metaphor**.

Another inquisitive author questions the remarkable "iron furnace" of Egypt:

> Egypt is likened to an iron furnace when speaking of Israel's captivity in that place. **This is a remarkable epitheth, used by Moses, when one realizes that Iron was not a "commonly smelted" metal ca. the 16th or 15th century BCE when the Exodus is portrayed happening** (the Exodus being understood to be a phenomena of the Late Bronze Age, 1560-1200 BCE).
> (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/biblical-studies/message/2595)

What was "the iron furnace"? Was it simply a metaphor for affliction?

To answer that, let us examine the deliverance of Israel from Egypt. The night of Israel's deliverance centered around one event – **the Passover**. The following verses from Exodus 12 describe that fateful night:

> 5 **Your lamb shall be without blemish**, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:
> 6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.
> 7 **And they shall take of the blood**, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.
> . . .
> 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.
> 13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you**, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.
> . . .
> 21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and **take you a lamb** according to your families, **and kill the passover**.
> 22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and **dip it in the blood** that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.
> 23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when **he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door,** and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.
> Exodus 12

Does that sound familiar? "When I see the blood, I will pass over. . . A lamb without blemish"? As most Christians know, the Passover Lamb painted the picture of the Blood Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ became the Passover Lamb.

When John the Baptist saw Jesus in John 1:29, he referred to the Lord Jesus as the "Lamb of God."

> The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold **the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world.
> John 1:29

1 Peter 1:18 parallels the blood atonement of Jesus Christ to the "without blemish" Passover lamb in Exodus 12:5.

> 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;
> 19 But with **the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish** and without spot:
> 1 Peter 1:18-19

In Matthew 26, Jesus Christ relates His death at Calvary to the Passover:

> Ye know that after two days is the feast of **the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.**
> Matthew 26:2

Without question, (scores of verses could be provided), the deliverance of Israel with the Passover Lamb prophesied the Blood Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Egypt and "the iron furnace" refer to a *place*. What *place* does the "Passover" blood atonement of Jesus Christ deliver us from? What *place* does the Bible refer to as a "furnace"?

The fact is, there exists *only* **one place** in the Bible that qualifies for "the iron furnace."

> 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;
> 42 And shall cast them into a **furnace of fire**: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
> Matthew 13:41-42

The only "iron furnace" it could be is the place of hell.

It is also interesting, 1 Kings 8:51 does not symbolize Egypt as an "iron furnace," but "from the midst of **the furnace of iron**." The Lord was not describing a furnace used to smelt iron, but the fire in the furnace consisted **of iron** – a "furnace **of iron**."

With the collective knowledge of 6,000 years of scientific advancements — science has verified the heart of this earth is exactly that — a "furnace of iron."

Fire and Brimsone from Hell •

As we previously read, seismological data has established that the two primary elements providing the fuel for the fire inside the earth are iron and sulfur.

According to *The Planet Earth,* "The observed outer core density is slightly too low for pure iron, however, and it is thought to comprise **a mixture of 10 per cent sulfur and 90 per cent iron**." (*The Planet Earth*, World Book, Inc, Chicago 1985, p. 51)

We examined "iron" and found many explicit references linking "iron" to the wrath of God and the place of hell in the scriptures.

Let us now investigate the sulfur. Does the scriptures link sulfur to the place of hell?

The book, *Gems and Minerals of the Bible* presents another name for sulfur:

> **"Brimstone" is a term of considerable antiquity used to denote the noxious element sulfur,. . .Today brimstone is known as a synonym for sulfur.**

(Wright, Ruth V. and Robert L. Chadbourne. *Gems and Minerals of the Bible,* Harpers & Row, New York, 1970 p. 24)

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, defines brimstone as "sulfur."

brim•stone
sulfur
(*Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*, G. & C. Merriam Company, Springfield, 1977, p. 138)

Sulfur and brimstone are the same.

Ever heard the phrase "hell fire and brimstone" preacher?

The book, *Gems and Minerals of the Bible* records brimstone symbolizes the "wrath of God." :

Brimstone in sacred writings designates **the terrible and terrifying force of nature used to execute the wrath of God.** (Wright, Ruth V. and Robert L. Chadbourne. *Gems and Minerals of the Bible,* Harpers & Row, New York, 1970 p. 26)

Revelation 14 describes the "wrath of God" as being "tormented with fire and brimstone."

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
10 The same shall drink of the wine of **the wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; **and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone** in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.
Revelation 14:9-11

Job 18 describes, " **the place** of him that knoweth not God" (vs 21), as, "**brimstone** shall be scattered upon his habitation." (vs 15) Psalm 11:5 says of the wicked, "**fire and brimstone**, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup." The wrath of God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with "**brimstone and fire**." (Genesis 19:24) The demonic locusts from the bottomless pit of Revelation 9:17 issued "out of their mouths **fire and smoke and brimstone**.

Revelation 20 describes the Great White Throne Judgment where the devil and those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ are "cast in the lake of **fire and brimstone**."

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast **into the lake of fire and brimstone**, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
11 And I saw a **great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast **into the lake of fire**.
Revelation 20:10-15

Revelation 21:8, again describes eternal damnation as "**the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."**

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part **in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone:** which is the second death.
Revelation 21:8

The book *Volcanoes* by Pierre Kohler (p. 43), records when Mt. St Helens erupted in 1980, 150,000 tons of sulfurous gas (brimstone) expelled from inside the earth.

Nature magazine confirmed in July 2000, what the Bible recorded over 3,000 years ago.

"**Volcanoes may be more like hell than anyone realized**. Eruptions disgorge streams of molten sulphur, **the brimstone of evangelical preachers**, which burns up before it can be preserved for

> posterity, new research in the journal *Geology* shows."
> (*Nature*, Science Update, July 22, 2000)

Notice, the article acknowledges this was recently discovered. They did not previously know that brimstone was inside the earth, because the molten brimstone "burns up before it can be reserved for posterity." **In other words, humanly speaking, it was impossible for the Bible to know molten brimstone was inside the earth.**

Interestingly, a volcano in the Northern Mariana Islands was named **"Brimstone Pit"** by scientists researching it. ("Underwater volcano makes waves", CNN Science & Space, June 9, 2004 <http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/science/06/09/underseavolcanoes.ap/index.html>)

Renowned geophysicist, J.A. Jacobs records the discovery of sulfur utilized in the fire of the outer core, "Originally, sulphur was proposed as the light component in the OC [Outer Core] by Murphy and Hall (1970) primarily because it is depleted in the rest of the Earth compared to cosmic abundances." (J. A. Jacobs, *Deep Interior of the Earth*, p. 59)

According to Jacobs, it was just as recent as 1970, that science discovered the fire in the earth contained sulphur! And yet the Old Testament recorded this over 3,000 years ago.

If you think that sulphur [or brimstone] before 1970, was the accepted "light" substance with iron fueling the outer core – think again. Jacobs acknowledges that, "**Si [Silicon] was long the preferred choice**, but has now been rejected." (J. A. Jacobs, *Deep Interior of the Earth*, p. 59)

Friend, are digesting all this?

The Size of Hell •

A skepticism I've been hotly besieged with is: "You can't fit all the lost people in hell, if it's in the center of the earth!" This wears the same mask of the silly accusation that "Noah could not get all the animals in the ark." Of course, simply asking, "How big was the ark?" and "How many animals did Noah put in the ark?" usually leaves the skeptic dumbfound.

The Handy Geology Answer Book writes about the earth's inner core:

> **"The inner core is thought to be roughly the size of the Earth's Moon."**
> (Svarney, Patricia Barnes, and Thomas E. Svarney, *The Handy Geology Answer Book*, Visible Ink Press, 2004, p. 59)

By mapping thousands of seismographic readings, geophysicists calculate the inner core measures approximately 1,500 miles in diameter, about the size of our moon. The outer core, where the "lake of fire" begins is huge. *The Handy Geology Answer Book* states, "The outer core represents about 29.3 percent of the Earth's total mass." (Svarney, Patricia Barnes, and Thomas E. Svarney, *The Handy Geology Answer Book*, Visible Ink Press, 2004, p. 59)

Prominent scientist Dr. Henry Morris calculates that a hell of only 100 miles in diameter could contain every person who has ever lived (over forty billion).

> "**So far as we can tell from Scripture, the present hell, Hades, is somewhere in the heart of the earth itself**. It is also called "the pit" (Isa. 14:9, 15: Ezek. 32:18-21) and "the abyss" (Rev. 9:2). . . **the Biblical descriptions are quite matter of fact. The writers certainly themselves believed hell to be real and geographically 'beneath' the earth's surface. . .**
> To say this is not scientific is to assume science knows much more about the earth's interior than is actually the case. The great 'pit' [hell] would only need to be about 100 miles or less in diameter to contain, with much room to spare, all the forty billion or so people who have ever lived, assuming their "spiritual" bodies are the same size as their physical bodies."
> (Henry M. Morris, *The Bible Has the Answer*, p. 220)

Suffice to say, the inner core could easily incarcerate every lost soul since Adam, with room to spare for the angels mentioned in 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 1:6.

Hell hath Enlarged Herself •

> **Therefore hell hath enlarged herself**, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.
> Isaiah 5:14

Another very interesting aspect of the inner core was recently discovered by Harvard Geophysicst Adam Dziewonski. *The Harvard Gazette* carried an article titled, *Putting a New Spin on Earth's Core,* rcording Dr. Dziewonski's unusual discovery:

> The metallic core of our planet is spinning faster than the rest of it, according to evidence unearthed by Harvard geologists. **And this hellishly hot core, almost as big as the moon, apparently is growing in size.**
> (Cromie, William J. Putting a New Spin on Earth's Core, Harvard Gazette, <http://www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/1996/08.15/PuttingaNewSpin.html>)

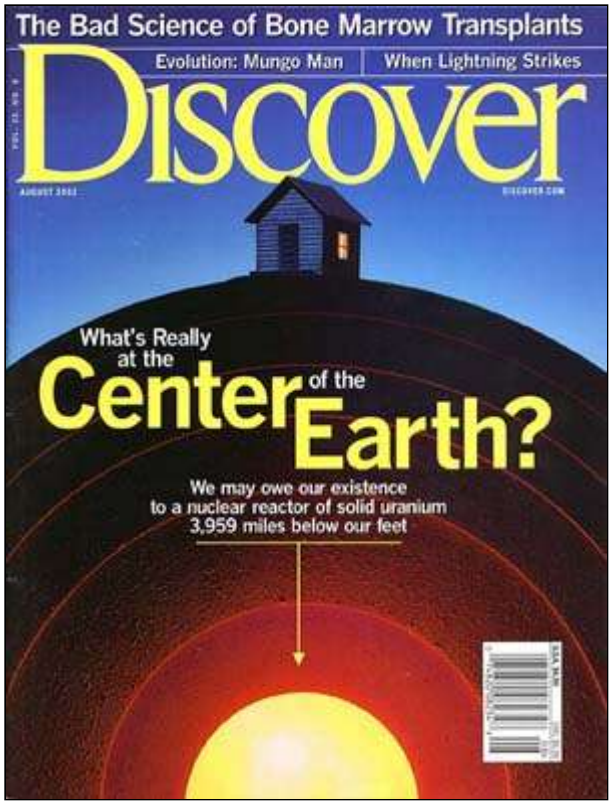
Hmmm. . . **"This hellishly hot core. . . is growing in size."**

Seems like I've read somewhere that "hell hath enlarged herself. . . "

> **Therefore hell hath enlarged herself**, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.
> Isaiah 5:14

EVIDENCE THAT DEMANDS A VERDICT •

The cover of *Discover magazine*, August 2002, begs the question — "What's Really at the Center of the Earth?"



The more we discover, the greater the testimony of the Bible. Despite the enormous mountain of evidence, people still reject the truth of the Word of God. If the Bible's evidence of hell was presented in any legal court in the land and weighed against observable science, its truthfulness would be proven beyond any "reasonable doubt." The verifiable evidence is tremendous. Every scientific discovery known to man confirms the place of hell. The more science discovers . . . the louder the warning words of the Lord Jesus Christ ring.

After ridiculing the Bible's picture of hell, Shawna Vogel admits science "also hears the rumble of the fire in the earth" in her book, *Naked Earth:The New Geophysics:*

> **Today's scientists also hear the rumble of fire within the earth**, though not as Anaxagoras encountered it. They know that it isn't the crack of lightening from subterranean clouds or the roar of beats within, but the sound of molten rock. **No longer the stuff of myth**, the earth's internal cracks and pops have become state-of-the art tools.
> (Vogel, Shawna. Naked Earth:The New Geophysics, p. 5)

Make no mistake about it – there is something down there. And it's no massive ball.

> In conclusion, it must be emphasized we do not at present fully understand the workings of the Earth's dynamo. . . **there are many unanswered questions**.
> (J. A. Jacobs, Deep Interior of the Earth, p. 111)

> "Of all regions of earth none invites speculation more than that which lies beneath our feet, and in none is speculation more dangerous; **yet, apart from speculation, it is little that we can say regarding the constitution of the interior of the earth**.
> (Bruce A. Bolt, Inside the Earth, p. 10)

According to Jesus Christ the souls of tormented people, weeping, screaming, wailing, and gnashing their teeth, are "Really at the Center of the Earth?"

> **And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**
> Jesus Christ, Matthew 10:28
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> **And in hell he lift up his eyes. . .**
> Jesus Christ, Luke 16:23

Jesus Christ took hell very serious. . .

Jesus Christ says in Mark 9:43-47:

> 43 And if thy hand offend thee, **cut it off**: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:
> 45 And if thy foot offend thee, **cut it off**: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:
> 47 And if thine eye offend thee, **pluck it out**: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

Jesus Christ took hell so serious — He could say without the slightest hesitation — to remove your eye, cut off your hand or foot, if that would keep you out of hell!

If hell is not real — **Jesus Christ was the most deceived man that ever lived!**

I'll challenge anyone to read the words of Jesus Christ and tell me they are the words of a deceived man!

Jesus Christ knew exactly what He was talking about!

Jesus Christ spoke more on hell than any other subject.

Look how Jesus described hell:

WHAT JESUS CHRIST SAYS ABOUT HELL!	
fire	Matt 7:19, 13:40, 25:41
everlasting fire	Matt 18:8, 25:41
eternal damnation	Mark 3:29
hell fire	Matt 5:22, 18:9, Mark 9:47
damnation	Matt 23:14, Mark 12:40, Luke 20:47
damnation of hell	Matt 23:33
resurrection of damnation	John 5:29
furnace of fire	Matt 13:42, 50
the fire that never shall be quenched	Mark 9:43, 45
the fire is not quenched	Mark 9:44, 46, 48
Where their worm dieth not	Mark 9:44, 46, 48
wailing and gnashing of teeth	Matt 13:42, 50
weeping and gnashing of teeth	Matt 8:12, 22:13, 25:30
torments	Luke 16:23
tormented in this flame	Luke 16:24

place of torment	Luke 16:28
outer darkness	Matt 8:12, 22:13
everlasting punishment	Matt 25:46

WHAT IF JESUS IS RIGHT?

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments . . .

There is a place called hell.

But God is a God of LOVE. . . Why would a GOD OF LOVE send me to hell? Yes, God is a **GOD OF LOVE** — but God is also a **HOLY GOD**. A HOLY GOD demands payment for sin. Otherwise God would NOT and could NOT be HOLY.

God does NOT want you in hell

Hell was not made for man. Matthew 25:41 says, hell was, ". . . prepared for the devil and his angels:"

Because God is a **GOD OF LOVE**, and He **LOVED YOU** so much, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to this earth to die a cruel death on a cross to pay the price a HOLY GOD demands for your sins.

Romans 5:8 says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us."**

God does not send someone to hell. You choose hell when you reject Jesus Christ. When you refuse God's love gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. . .

YOU CHOOSE HELL!

What could possibly be worth eternity in hell?

No wonder Jesus Christ said in Mark 8:36:

> For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul**? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
> Mark 8:36:

God has something far better than words can describe for those who love Him. I Corinthians 2:9 says:

> Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.
> Corinthians 2:9

Friend, there is a place called hell! And, if you continually refuse God's gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ — just as sure as you live and breathe — **ONE DAY YOU WILL WAKE UP IN HELL!**

Don't wait until you die to find out the truth about Hell! **Tomorrow may be too late!** Proverbs 27:1 says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow: for thou **KNOWEST NOT** what a day may bring forth."

Three people die every second, 180 every minute, since you started reading this — **2000 more people have gone into eternity!** An automobile accident. . . A heart attack. . , A stroke. . .**One thing is CERTAIN — you will DIE** — today. . . tomorrow . . . a week. . . a month . . . a year. . . 5 years. . . 10 years. . . 20 years. . . 50 years — **ONE THING IS CERTAIN** *—" . . .it is appointed unto man once **TO DIE** . . ."*

Has there ever come **a time and a place** in your life, when you received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?

If not, you are on the way to hell!

If you've never received Jesus Christ as your Savior, bow your head this minute and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to save you.**Don't put it off another second!**

NOTHING'S WORTH TAKING THE CHANCE!

It's simple to be saved ...

- **Realize you are a sinner.**

  As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
  Romans 3:10

  ... for there is no difference. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
  Romans 3:23

- **Realize you CAN NOT save yourself.**

  But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; ...
  Isaiah 64:6

  Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, ...
  Titus 3:5

- **Realize that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for your sins.**

  Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, ...
  1 Peter 2:24

  ... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
  Revelation 1:5

- **Simply by faith receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.**

  But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
  John 1:12

  ...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
  Acts 16:30,31

  For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
  John 3:16

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE SAVED?

Pray this prayer, and mean it with all your heart.

Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and unless you save me I am lost forever. I thank you for dying for me at Calvary. I come to you now, Lord the best way I know how, and ask you

to save me. I now receive you as my Savior. In Jesus Christ Name, Amen.

For a detailed article on the Place of Hell The Place of Hell

For more info on hell see our tract The Truth About Hell

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